



#01479-12

**Re: Case Assignment (HQ-FOI-01434-12)/ INCORRECT CASE NUMBER**

Monica Lewis to Abbie Agner  
Cc: Diane Jones-Coleman, Leigh DeHaven

06/19/2012 03:11 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

Abbie,  
Yes, I remember talking with Diane about this one. The EPA locator has Jeanne Briskin located in OW. However, the Lotus Notes locator is correct with her location in ORD.

ORD has been assigned the lead with the full 20 days on cover sheet; OW may have input.

Abbie Agner

Monica...the correct case is #HQ-FOI-01479-12....

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From: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US  
To: Monica Lewis/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Diane Jones-Coleman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Leigh DeHaven/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 06/19/2012 01:15 PM  
Subject: Case Assignment (HQ-FOI-01434-12)/ INCORRECT CASE NUMBER

Monica...the correct case is #HQ-FOI-01479-12.

It has not been assigned by EPA FOIA office to ORD yet and we'll need a revised control sheet.

Thanks.

Abbie

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From: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US  
To: Monica Lewis/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Diane Jones-Coleman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Leigh DeHaven/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 06/19/2012 11:16 AM  
Subject: Fw: Case Assignment (HQ-FOI-01434-12)/ INCORRECT CASE NUMBER

Monica...The case number I stated below is incorrect. The FOIA request we are focusing on is the one regarding hydraulic fracking that OW requested a partial transfer be made to ORD but EPA FOIA office has not yet assigned the case to ORD. We viewed the co-assignment case in FOIAXp and it does need a revised control sheet but let me make certain of the case number and come back to you.

Thanks,

Abbie

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From: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US  
To: Monica Lewis/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 06/19/2012 10:45 AM  
Subject: Re: Case Assignment (HQ-FOI-01434-12)

Monica, We do not see a revised Control Sheet adding ORD to this request in FOIAXp-- Please prepare one for us.

Thanks,

Abbie

Monica Lewis

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# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

## **HQ-FOI-01479-12**

**REQUESTER:** Jesse Coleman

**Request Date:** June 13, 2012

**COMPANY:** Greenpeace USA

**Received Date:** June 13, 2012

**FEE Category:** Other

**Subject:** Requesting copy of documents related to details on all meetings and correspondence between EPA and the American Petroleum Institute (API), BP, ExxonMobil, Chesapeake Energy, Chevron, and any other oil and gas industry representative, as well as the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of Energy, and the Domestic Policy Council of the Whitehouse, regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin

**Due Date:** July 18, 2012

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

ORD  
OW

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

\*\*\*Fee Waiver Requested

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☐ Please let Monica know by Tuesday, June 19 if this request is billable.

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☐ Partial Transfer to ORD from OW

☐ ORD LEAD RESPONDER with input from OW

IF COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO  
EXCEED \$25.00, CONTACT  
REQUESTER FOR PAYMENT  
COMMITMENT BEFORE  
PROCESSING REQUEST.

FS: ml



HQ-FOI-01479-12 (Jesse Coleman)  
Diane Jones-Coleman to: Monica Lewis  
Cc: Abbie Agner, Stephanie Flaharty

06/15/2012 08:15 AM

Good morning Monica,

The above FOIA request assigned to OW later yesterday (6-14-12) is requesting responsive records regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin.

Jeanne Briskin is located in ORD.

Therefore, a "partial transfer" to ORD as the LEAD AGENCY RESPONDER and if OW has any responsive records, we will provide to the ORD contact.

Thanks.

*Diane*

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OW FOIA Coordinator  
OW Correspondence Team Leader  
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In an effort to evaluate customer satisfaction, MOS would appreciate your taking a few moments to provide feedback to the MOS Feedback email box. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, DC 20460

June 14, 2012

Mr. Jesse Coleman  
Greenpeace USA  
702 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Request No: HQ-FOI-01479-12

Dear Mr. Coleman,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, request dated June 13, 2012 and received in this office on June 13, 2012, for records related to:

Requesting copy of documents related to details on all meetings and correspondence between EPA and the American Petroleum Institute (API), BP, ExxonMobil, Chesapeake Energy, Chevron, and any other oil and gas industry representative, as well as the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of Energy, and the Domestic Policy Council of the Whitehouse, regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin

Your request has been forwarded to OW for processing. If you have any questions, please contact the Requester Service Center at 202-566-1667 or by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Please provide your FOIA request number in all communications. You can obtain the status of your initial FOIA request on-line at [http://www.epa.gov/foia/foia\\_request\\_status.html](http://www.epa.gov/foia/foia_request_status.html)

Sincerely,

Larry F. Gottesman  
National FOIA Officer

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**Due Date:** July 16, 2012

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

OW

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

\*\*\*Fee Waiver Requested

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PROCESSING REQUEST.

FS: ml

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HO-FOI-01479-12



(164102623) On-line FOIA Request  
idaemon.rtpnc.epa.gov to: FOIA HQ, FOIA HQ

06/13/2012 10:26 AM

01\_NAME\_:Jesse Coleman  
02\_COMPANY\_:Greenpeace  
03\_ADDRESS\_:702 H st NW suite 300  
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10\_SPECIFIC\_INFORMATION\_NEEDED\_:Dear FOIA Officer:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC Sec. 552, Greenpeace requests a copy of each of the following documents, or access to them for inspection or duplication, which are in the possession of or generated by the Environmental Protection Agency:  
Details on all meetings (dates, agendas, minutes) and correspondence (emails, calls, letters, and all other forms) between EPA and the following: the American Petroleum Institute (API), BP, ExxonMobil, Chesapeake Energy, Chevron, and any other oil and gas industry representative, as well as the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of Energy, and the Domestic Policy Council of the Whitehouse, regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin.

We request that you search the above records for the time period of April 31, 2012, to June 1, 2012.

FEE CATEGORY

Greenpeace seeks the above listed records for noncommercial use as a representative of the news media. Greenpeace qualifies as a news media organization under the definition provided by Congress in the OPEN Government Act because it "gathers information of potential interest to a large segment of the public, and uses its editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience."

Specifically, Greenpeace is seeking this FOIA request because the information in it is of interest to a large portion of the public, including the many concerned citizens that regularly acquire information through our extensive range of publications. These publications include websites, blogs, newsletters, reports, press statements, social media networks such as Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr, videos, presentations and demonstrations at various venues. In addition, Greenpeace reaches out to many traditional news media outlets that regularly broadcast our publications through television, radio, print and electronic articles and interviews.

Greenpeace plans to compile the information from this request into a distinct, original work that will be released to the public through the publications listed above.

Please also contact me with any questions regarding this request at (210) 837-3912 or jesse.coleman@greenpeace.org.

Thank you,

Jesse Coleman

## Research

11\_FEE:Other Specified Amount, Fee waiver request included with FOIA  
12\_FEE\_WAIVER:Yes  
13\_FeeWaiver\_text:FEE WAIVER

Greenpeace seeks a waiver of fees accompanying fulfillment and processing of this FOIA request.

In the paragraphs below, Greenpeace addresses the 6 factors that are used to determine whether the fee waiver requirements are met.

1) Greenpeace is requesting documents specifically concerning EPS's interactions with other federal agencies regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin. Greenpeace is solely seeking information on the extent of EPA's interaction with other federal agencies and other organizations on this study.

2) Greenpeace has not found any publicly available information that describes the occurrence, frequency, or scope of meetings or other interactions between EPA and federal agencies or other groups. We believe this information is not currently available in the public domain.

3) Greenpeace employs an array of analysts, researchers and environmental specialists that have expertise in environmental activities and policies and their potential impacts on people and ecosystems. For nearly 40 years, concerned citizens have trusted this expertise and relied on Greenpeace to serve as a government watchdog, exposing activities that may be harmful to the environment, as well as activities that are beneficial.

Our website provides an extensive archive of publications from the past 40 years, including blogs, newsletters, reports, press statements, articles, Facebook, Twitter and Flickr feeds, videos and other presentations that expose a large range of government activities that impact the environment, including U.S. government and international governments.

Per our tradition, Greenpeace would compile the information provided through this FOIA request into a distinct, original work that includes our perspective on how the disclosed activities may result in environmental impacts. We would disseminate this work to the public through the range of media listed in the previous paragraph. We would also reach out to many traditional news media outlets that regularly broadcast our publications through television, radio, print and electronic articles and interviews.

In addition, Greenpeace also hosts a FOIA website that archives over 4,000 scanned documents that were obtained through other FOIA requests. Greenpeace regularly references documents on this site and also frequently refers news reporters, researchers and writers to this site. The address is <http://research.greenpeaceusa.org> and documents from this FOIA request will be uploaded to this site.

Finally, in addition to Greenpeace's U.S. activities, 40 international Greenpeace offices around the world are interested in obtaining and publicize information on U.S. government activities regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin. Greenpeace will publicize information from this FOIA request through our global network of Greenpeace offices, publications and traditional media contacts.

4) As noted in #2, there is currently no publicly available information on the occurrence, frequency or scope of EPA's interactions with industry and



the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin Likewise, Greenpeace believes the public is uncertain and increasingly concerned about the scope of government representatives in general. Fulfillment of this request would shed light on these interactions and answer questions U.S. activities regarding the EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study conducted by Jeanne Briskin.

5) Greenpeace is a non-profit public interest organization that seeks solutions to environmental dilemmas and promotes open, informed debate about society's environmental choices. Greenpeace's primary activities are bearing witness to environmental destruction, using direct confrontations to raise the level and quality of public debate, and exposing threats to the environment and finding solutions. Greenpeace maintains complete financial independence from political and commercial interests. We do not intend to make a profit from the information provided through this FOIA request.

6) Greenpeace has no commercial interest in this material and does not intend to disclose the information to data brokers or others who compile and market government information for economic return. Whereas our work generates income from concerned individual donors, this income serves to perpetuate our activities and not to provide a profit to individuals associated with Greenpeace. With such limited or non-existent commercial interest, it is clear that the public interest in disclosure is far greater in magnitude than Greenpeace's commercial interest.

In as much as Greenpeace is making this request in the course of carrying out its public education and nonprofit activities, we request that charge for duplicating be waived.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption that you believe justifies your withholding of information. Please be sure to notify me of appeal procedures available under the law in the event of any denial.

14\_EXPEDITED\_PROCESSING:Yes

15\_ExpeditedWaiver\_text:As EPA's study of Hydraulic fracturing will have significant impact on the health and safety of the public, and Greenpeace is engaged in disseminating information to the public, we request expedited processing.

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